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1. LONDON, AT PRESENT MOMENT, IS IN A RARE AND UNUSUALLY FAVORABLE PERSONNEL SITUATION. MISSION HAS APPROVED ADDITION OF NINE N/S POSITIONS FOR MUSLIM WORLD PROJECTS AND THESE ARE MERELY AWAITING MODE AUTHORIZATION. AT SAME TIME, WE HOPE AND EXPECT THAT BULK OF MUSLIM WORLD PROCESSING CAN BE DONE UNDER CONTRACT BY BBC, THUS SAVING MONEY, POSITIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE HEADACHES. Y

2. OBVIOUSLY, ONE OF THE NEW POSITIONS WILL HAVE TO BE SET ASIDE FOR [REDACTED] WHO IS DUE TO TRANSFER FROM TEL AVIV THIS SUMMER. Y

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3. ANOTHER IS NEEDED FOR THE ROUNDUP WRITER ASSISTANT'S POSITION. PMU'S RECRUITING EXPERIENCE LEADS ME TO BELIEVE THEY COULD FIND A UNIVERSITY-EDUCATED BRITISH LOCAL WHO MAJORED IN MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES AND PERHAPS ALSO HAS A READING KNOWLEDGE OF ARABIC. A BRITISH EDUCATED MUSLIM MIGHT ALSO BE A POSSIBILITY. THE PERSON SELECTED MUST BE ABLE TO WRITE WELL AND RAPIDLY AND DO RESEARCH, SINCE HE WILL BE EXPECTED TO DO SPADE WORK FOR THE

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AMERICAN ROUNDUP WRITER AND STAND IN FOR HIM WHEN HE IS ON LEAVE. YOU SHOULD BEGIN RECRUITING FOR THIS POSITION IMMEDIATELY. FOR SEVERAL REASONS I DO NOT FEEL IT IS A SUITABLE ASSIGNMENT FOR [REDACTED] YOU MIGHT WANT TO SIC [REDACTED] ONTO THIS TASK, BEFORE HE SLIPS AWAY. 4

4. THIS LEAVES SEVEN POSITIONS IN THE BANK, AS IT WERE, AND OUR INCLINATION IS TO HOLD THESE IN RESERVE UNTIL CONTRACTING ISSUES WITH BBC ARE WORKED OUT OR UNTIL THE DIMENSIONS OF THE MUSLIM WORLD REQUIREMENTS ARE FULLY CLEAR. IT MAY BE WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO COME TO AGREEMENT WITH BBC; MORE LIKELY, SOME POSITIONS WILL BE NEEDED TO MEET REQUIREMENTS ELSEWHERE. 4

5. ONCE THE NEW MUSLIM WORLD COLLECTION IS UNDERWAY, PARTICULARLY THE ISLAMABAD-LONDON LINK, THE BUREAU MAY FIND THAT IT REQUIRES AN ADDITIONAL TELETYPEIST (THE ONE AUTHORIZED IN MARCH DOES NOT COUNT AGAINST THESE POSITIONS), ANOTHER ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, OR OTHER PERSONNEL. YOU SHOULD MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO FILL POSITIONS IN THE RESERVE WHEN YOU FEEL YOU HAVE SUFFICIENT JUSTIFICATION. THEY WILL BE CONSIDERED ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS IN COMPETITION WITH OTHER DEMANDS IN THE MUSLIM COVERAGE AREA. RVW 30MAY86

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